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MINUTES
Board Meeting
APRIL 13, 2018

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, April 13, 2018, at the Board Offices located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Dr. Tommy Garnett, Board Vice Chair. The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Tommy Garnett (Vice Chair), Dr. David Roberson, Jr. (member), Dr. John Odle (member) and Dr. Angela Hampton (member). Member not in attendance was Dr. Jamie Cleckler (Chair), Dr. Hadryan Vaughn and Dr. Jay Morgan (member). Also in attendance were Mr. Cameron McEwen (Legal Counsel), Mr. Mike James (Investigator), Ms. Jennifer Love (Legal Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren and serving as recording secretary).

Public Notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State and published on the website at www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act, and posted on the Board's website at www.podiatryboard.alabama.gov.

A copy of the minutes from the January 12, 2018 Board meeting was submitted to the members prior to the meeting for their review. Dr. Roberson made a motion to approve the January minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Odle and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Reames reported that a copy of the Executive Director Report, to include financial information for FY 2018 for the period ending March 31, 2018, along with a copy of the Administrator's Report, was distributed to the members for their review (report filed in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). The Board agreed that a full report would be reviewed by the Executive Director at the next Board meeting.

Mr. McEwen presented the Legal Counsel report. He reported on a Board Review case #2018-002, wherein the Podiatrist did not renew his license in a timely manner and was fined \$250. Mr. McEwen recommended the Board approved the Consent Agreement in this case.

Mr. McEwen also presented a Consent Agreement (case 2018-005) citing violations in prescribing medications within the scope of practice. He reported that the licensee has surrendered his Controlled Substance (CS) license to the Board and agreed to not apply for his CS license for 3 years and has been placed on a one-year probation. After discussion by the Board, Dr. Morgan made a

motion to approve the Consent Agreements in the cases of 2018-002 and 2018-005 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Garnett presented a copy of the recent audit by the Examiners of Public Accounts for the Board's review. There were no significant issues regarding the performance of the Board.

Dr. Garnett also reported on the creation of the state's Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council and their letter encouraging the Board to review its rules concerning regulation for prescribers as one of the many strategies used to address the abuse and problem. A copy of the letter from the Legislative Reference Service was provided to the members. The Board discussed having representation on the Council and asked the Executive Director to write a letter of Board's support and interest in participation on the Council.

Dr. Garnett reported that the Board is required to certify its rules on a periodic basis. A copy of the letter from the Legislative Reference Service was provided to the members. Dr. Roberson volunteered to serve on a rules committee, and nominated Dr. Cleckler, to review the rules adopted prior to July 1, 2013. It was agreed that a meeting or conference call to present recommendations at the next Board meeting.

The Board discussed the obstacles in attracting and retaining good podiatrists, e.g. length of residency program prior to licensure eligibility, etc. and the effect on the public health system. in timely eligibility for licensure based on a 3-year residency vs. 1-year.


Dr. Garnett announced that the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting was July 13, 2018. The members commented on potential conflict in scheduled and asked that the members be polled about rescheduling the meeting.

There being no further business of the Board, Dr. Odle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board. Dr. Garnett adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tommy Garnett, DPM
Vice Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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